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COUNTY SUPERVISORS KNABE, MOLINA AND RIDLEY-THOMAS ANNOUNCE \$2.3 MILLION ECONOMIC STIMULUS FUNDED TRANSPORTATION PROJECTS

FIRST IN REGION

LOS ANGELES COUNTY (May 21, 2009) -- Los Angeles County Supervisors Don Knabe (4th District), Chair of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Gloria Molina (1st District), Vice Chair of the Board and Ridley-Thomas (2nd District), jointly announce approval of \$2.3 million in Federal Economic Stimulus projects in the County's unincorporated areas in the First, Second and Fourth Districts. These projects are part of the first group of projects in the region to be funded under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA), and include resurfacing and improvements on:

- Meyer Road from Leffingwell Road to north of Imperial Highway, Whittier unincorporated (First and Fourth Districts)
- Valley View Avenue from Telegraph Road to north of Imperial Highway, Whittier unincorporated (Fourth District)
- Firestone Boulevard from Graham Avenue to Juniper Street, Florence-Firestone (First District)
- Nadeau Street from Alameda Street to Santa Fe Avenue, Florence-Firestone (First District)
- Hooper Avenue from Firestone Boulevard to south of 58th Drive, Florence-Firestone (Second District)

"These projects will help beautify the Florence-Firestone and Whittier unincorporated areas while creating 68 jobs in the region," said Molina. "These are some of the first local agency transportation infrastructure projects to be approved under ARRA as a result of the County Department of Public Works' foresight and planning," explained Molina.

"ARRA is intended to not only save existing jobs and create new ones, but also to improve our local infrastructure with projects exactly like these. We will be using these stimulus funds not to grow government, but instead to grow our local businesses that we will be contracting with to complete these projects," added Supervisor Knabe, Board Chairman.

Public Works will deliver 19 transportation infrastructure projects throughout the County using over \$46 million of ARRA funds. Public Works is actively seeking small businesses and community based enterprises to bid on contracts for this and future ARRA Stimulus projects.

County businesses seeking more information regarding these and future ARRA Stimulus projects may visit the Public Works Business Outreach website at <http://dpw.lacounty.gov/PRG/business/>.

This project will be advertised for construction bids early next month.

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